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**RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 29, 2006 OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicant respectfully submits this Amendment, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**A Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.